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RE: Updated Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Fond du Lac County Business Community and School Districts:

On May 13, the [CDC released updated guidance](#) that **fully vaccinated people can resume activities they did before the pandemic, including participating in indoor and outdoor activities – large or small – without wearing a mask or physically distancing.**

A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if it has been two or more weeks since they got the second dose in a two-dose series (such as Pfizer or Moderna), or one dose of a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson).

Important exceptions to updated mask guidance include:

- [Health care settings](#)
- [K-12 Schools](#)
- Places where masks could be required by internal policies such as: local businesses, workplaces, correctional and detention facilities and homeless shelters
- Travelers on all planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, such as such as airports and stations

Please keep in mind that science tells us masks work and they are still recommended for people not vaccinated. Mask wearing, regardless of vaccination status, continues to be an important COVID-19 mitigation strategy in the settings listed above in exceptions.

The updated guidance and recommendations from CDC and DHS is a promising sign that we are nearing the end of the pandemic. This updated guidance reflects on the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against spreading strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The science shows that COVID-19 vaccines are effective in real-world settings in preventing mild and severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Therefore, individuals who are fully vaccinated can start returning to normal activities.

As of now, the [CDC's school guidance](#) remains unchanged. Teachers, school administrators, and staff should continue to follow CDC's school guidance until more people and children are vaccinated. Students and staff on buses should continue to follow all masking and physical distancing guidelines.

Organizations are encouraged to adopt policies that align with the updated CDC guidance. Public Health supports the decision of businesses or organizations that continue to require masking for the safety of their staff and patrons.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Mueller".

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